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Communist China - USSR: Peiping's massive new attack on the Soviet leadership on 6 September charges that Soviet actions since 14 July have pushed Sino-Soviet relations to the "brink of split."

The Chinese blame Moscow for everything that has gone wrong in Sino-Soviet relations since 1956 and lay personal responsibility on Khrushchev for a "new stage of unprecedented gravity" in the international Communist movement. This appears to be a tactic designed to leave the possibility open for negotiations with other Soviet leaders when Khrushchev leaves the scene.

The authors of the article--editors of People's Daily and the party theoretical journal Red Flag--are at pains to show that all members of the ruling elite in Peiping stand together. Mao Tse-tung, Liu Shao-chi, Chou En-lai, and Teng Hsiao-ping are mentioned by name, perhaps to refute Russian-inspired rumors that there is support for the Soviet position at the top level in the Chinese party.

As part of a long catalogue of Russian sins, Peiping charges for the first time publicly that in 1958 the USSR made "unreasonable demands designed to bring China under Soviet military control." These demands are not specified, but the fact that they are linked with Moscow's refusal to help the Chinese produce nuclear weapons suggests that at least one

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of the issues involved was Russian control over atomic installations in China.

Peiping's accusation that the Soviet Union instigated border troubles with China in Sinkiang involving the flight of "tens of thousands" of dissidents across the border confirms [] concerning the seriousness of the incident and indicates that friction along the frontier is an important divisive force.

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The Chinese still seek to maintain the outer shell of bloc unity and profess their "deep affection" for the Russian people and the rank and file of the Soviet party. They leave no doubt, however, concerning their determination to continue the battle with the leaders in Moscow. []

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Ecuador: Rear Admiral Ramon Castro Jijon, president of the ruling military junta, is maintaining extreme leftist connections.

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Castro is [redacted] an active member of a small club which includes a number of prominent Communist intellectuals who recently gave him a testimonial dinner. Two of these Communists, Guillermo Lasso and Alfonso Burbano, are said to have become his close advisers. Castro also reportedly sent a personal letter last month to an important imprisoned Communist who has since been released, assuring him that anti-Communist agitation would "soon die down."

The Communists may have additional access to Castro through his cousin, Milton Jijon, a member of the party's executive committee. [redacted]

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Communist China: The New China News Agency (NCNA) has set up a Peiping-Geneva communications link to replace its link with Prague, shut down by the Czechs on 22 August. The Prague cable head was NCNA's main channel to overseas correspondents in Europe, Africa, and Latin America. The new link, which is active about 18 hours per day, probably fulfills the same function.

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Austria: Defense Minister Schleizer is attempting to pave the way for Austria's acquisition of surface-to-air missiles. Possession of such missiles is specifically prohibited by the 1955 Austrian State Treaty, but Vienna apparently hopes to gain a reinterpretation of the treaty through informal understandings with the signatory powers. Schleizer recently told US Ambassador Riddleberger that he might broach the matter during his forthcoming visit to Moscow if the atmosphere is right.

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